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Introduction

In bringing the first authentic British Exhibit of War Trophies to Toronto, the Officers and Staff of the 109th Regiment believe they have done something that will meet with the interest and support of all Torontonians. They appreciate the fact that there have been several small exhibits of war trophies shown from time to time, and they have in mind a recent exhibit in one of the large stores. But the collection that will be shown under their auspices is by far the most comprehensive, interesting and instructive that has yet left the shores of Great Britain. For, be it understood, these exhibits were not allowed to pass out of Great Britain until the War Office knew the purpose of the exhibit and gave their authority for the export of the trophies.

The 109th Regiment wish it to be known that this is a genuine exhibition of **real trophies and relics** of the Great War, not a mere collection of equipment, new or otherwise. There are over 700 separate articles, each one of which has an interesting story, fully explained by printed cards. No catalogue is necessary to a thorough understanding and appreciation of the Exhibition.



All money received goes to the fund of the 109th Regiment.

The exhibit was first sent to Australia, and after a most successful tour through the large cities of the Commonwealth, it was amplified by a group of more recent trophies and is now being shown in the leading cities of the North American Continent.

When it was suggested that the 109th Regiment lend its aid in the placing of the exhibit before the citizens of Toronto, the staff considered the matter very carefully before deciding to do it. They are satisfied, however, that the exhibit is all that has been claimed for it and that it is well worthy of a visit from anyone whose interest or curiosity is such that they would like to see some of those things which have been used in the war.

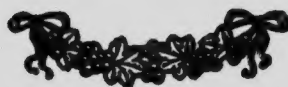
The exhibition will open on Monday, December 4th, in the Tyrrell Building, 95 King Street East, near Church St., and it will last for a period of two weeks.

The trophies will be on view from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. each day. The admission will be 25c for adults, 15c for soldiers in uniform or lady accompanying, and 10c for children under fifteen. It is hoped that you and your friends will find it convenient to be present.



Subscriptions to the 109th Regiment, which has sent 4,000 men overseas, are solicited—to this extent: If you are disposed to send a cheque for any sum that you are willing to give over and above the cost of your ticket, the donation will be thankfully received, and tickets to cover the whole amount of your donation will be sent to you for distribution; or you may name some school, church or charitable institution whose members you would like to go in a body to see the exhibit. A form is enclosed for this purpose.

Please make your cheques payable to the 109th Regiment, Toronto, and address them to: Finance Committee, 109th Regiment, Armouries, 73 Pearl Street, Toronto





Description of a few of the Hundreds of Exhibits

Piece of German Taube brought down by a British aeroplane near Messines, Oct. 26th, 1915.

Section of Aluminum Framework of Zeppelin brought down by Flight Sub-Lieutenant R. A. Warneford, in the North Sea, for which feat he was awarded the Victoria Cross.

German Starlight Parachute dropped from aeroplanes to illuminate the British trenches at night.

Portion of Zeppelin High Explosive Bomb dropped August 17th at Leytonstone, near London. This bomb wrecked several houses.

Good Luck Plate from German Motor Car. This was taken by Maurice De Wolfe, a Belgian despatch rider, August, 1915, under fire, at the risk of his life.

German Iron Cross of the First Order (1914) taken from the body of a German officer who was killed at La Bassee by Albert Houssa. This medal is the highest of the iron crosses. It was loaned to this collection by Countess Margaret Houssa, cousin of Albert Houssa.



Canadian Bayonet broken in the charge at St. Julien by a member of the Princess Pats, who entered a German trench using his rifle as a club.

Percussion Nose of German 8-inch Screaming Shell, known among the British troops as the "Whistling Willies." These shells screech like sirens, and are designed to unnerve the men in the trenches.

Famous French "75" Shell Complete, exploding cartridge, projectile and automatic time fuse head, for the famous gun which has proved such a surprise to the Germans and a revelation to the world. An exhibit of exceptional interest.

Piece of Shell Fired by the "Blucher" into Hartlepool, on the English east coast, at the time of the first raid by the German baby-killers. This shell burst in the roof of a dwelling, and this 12-lb. fragment, which bears the Krupp mark, passed through the second floor and imbedded itself in a mattress between two sleeping children, neither of whom was injured.

Photographs of the "Blucher" as she was sinking in the North Sea, after the death blow dealt her by H.M.S. "Lion," flagship of Admiral Beatty.

Proclamation Issued by Adolph Max, Burgomaster of Brussels, after the occupation by the German troops, in which he calls the German Governor, Von Kloewe, a liar.



Kodak Which Saved the Life of Private Perry, signaller of the 2nd Australian Division, when struck by a Turkish bullet. Exhibit includes Perry's original letter.

Bullet-Pierced Helmet Spike and German Belt taken by Private H. Smith, 1st Bn. King's Liverpool Regiment, from the body of a German soldier whom he killed near Mons. Exhibit includes original letter from Smith telling of this occurrence, and his photograph.

British Trench Periscope issued to every tenth man in the trenches.

Mills No. 5 Grenade. The latest type of British trench bomb, which is exploded four seconds after leaving the hand, by a time fuse.

Identification Tag, Prayer Book, Whistle and Soldier's Prayer, carried by Private E. Matthews, No. 2 Co., No. 7 Platoon, Princess Pats. Also his photograph taken in hospital by the Ex-Queen of Portugal, who was acting as nurse.

Latest Model "P" Tube Gas Helmet. The most efficient gas defence helmet, now used by the British troops.

British War Plane which made 239 successful flights and which has been bullet-scarred from tip to tip.

First Zeppelin bomb that was dropped on the shores of Britain at Southend on Sea, on May 11th. 1915.



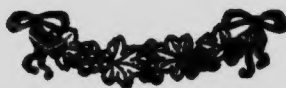
A German Mauser Rifle picked up on the field after the first battle of Ypres.

Proclamation warning the inhabitants of Britain what to do in the case of a naval bombardment.

One of the Famous 75mm shells of the French Army.

Collection of Swords used by all the units at the front, including Ghurka knives and Senegalese Kri's.

Wonderful Map of the Gallipoli Peninsula, made by the British Air Scouts.





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